

that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 25, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1085, a bill to provide for a Bureau of Reclamation program to assist states and local communities in evaluating and developing rural and small community water supply systems, and for other purposes and S. 1732 a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Water and Power, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Shelly Randel at 202-224-7933, Erik Webb at 202-224-4756 or Colin Hayes at 202-224-0883.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 2, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Defense authorization request for Fiscal Year 2005 and the Future Years Defense Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 10 a.m., to consider the President's Proposed FY 2005 Budget for the Forest Service.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 9 a.m., to hold a hearing on foreign assistance oversight.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be author-

ized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 3 p.m., to hold a hearing on North Korea.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "Review of Current Investigations and Regulatory Actions Regarding the Mutual Fund Industry."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, for a hearing on the final report of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Capital Asset Re-alignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission.

The hearing will take place in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 2:15 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 2, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMPETITION, FOREIGN COMMERCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Competition, Foreign Commerce, and Infrastructure be authorized to meet on The Rise of Obesity in Children on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. in SR-253.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 2, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. in open session to receive testimony on Active Component, Reserve Component and Civilian Personnel Programs, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services be authorized to meet for a hearing on Suicide Prevention and Youth:

Saving Lives, during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 108-199, Section 104(c), 1(A), appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program: Dr. Stevan Trooboff of Portland, Maine.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2004

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 3. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day and the Senate then begin a period for morning business until 10:30 a.m., with the time equally divided in the usual form, provided that the time under Republican control be equally divided between Senators MURKOWSKI and COLLINS or their designees.

Mr. REID. No objection. We have already done the other paragraph.

Mr. KYL. All right. I thank the Senator.

Mr. REID. It is my understanding we already have an order to go to S. 1637 at 10:30 in the morning.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada is correct. Without objection, the unanimous consent request of the Senator from Arizona is agreed to.

PROGRAM

Mr. KYL. Tomorrow morning, following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1637, the FSC/ETI bill. This legislation will have a direct impact on the creation of jobs and it is important that we move the bill forward. I make this statement on behalf of the majority leader and point out he and others have been working with our Democratic colleagues to lock in a list of amendments to the bill. Thus far, as the leader points out, we have not been able to limit the number of amendments, but we will continue to work toward that end. Senators GRASSLEY and BAUCUS will be here in the morning to start working through the amendments to the bill. The leader would encourage all Members who wish to offer an amendment to contact the bill managers as soon as possible.

The leader would also inform all Senators that votes are expected throughout the day tomorrow as we begin consideration of this important legislation, and Senators will be notified as votes are scheduled.